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109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1630

[Report No. 109–280]

To authorize appropriations for the benefit of Amtrak for fiscal years 2006 through 2008, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2005

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

NOVEMBER 8, 2005

Additional sponsors: Ms. NORTON, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. WEINER, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CHANDLER, Ms. CARSON, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. WELLER, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. NEY, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. REYES, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MATSUI, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BACA, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. EVANS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. BEAN, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Amtrak Reauthoriza-
5 tion Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Section 24104 of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **“§ 24104. Authorization of appropriations**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
11 propriated to the Secretary of Transportation
12 \$2,000,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2006 through
13 2008, for the benefit of Amtrak for capital expenditures
14 under chapters 243, 247, and 249 of this title, operating
15 expenses, and payments described in subsection (b).

16 “(b) MANDATORY PAYMENTS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds authorized under
18 subsection (a) shall include—

1 “(A) an amount equal to the amount Am-
2 trak is required to pay under section 3221 of
3 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.
4 3221) that is more than the amount needed for
5 anticipated benefits for individuals who retire
6 from Amtrak and for their beneficiaries; and

7 “(B) amounts necessary to pay—

8 “(i) obligations of Amtrak under sec-
9 tion 8(a) of the Railroad Unemployment
10 Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 358(a)) due in
11 those fiscal years that are more than obli-
12 gations of Amtrak calculated on an experi-
13 ence-related basis; and

14 “(ii) obligations of Amtrak due under
15 section 3321 of the Internal Revenue Code
16 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 3321).

17 “(2) REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—

18 The Secretary shall make payments to the Treasury
19 of amounts authorized under paragraph (1) only
20 after the Secretary has received from Amtrak a re-
21 quest for the transfer of such funds, which shall in-
22 clude materials supporting, to the satisfaction of the
23 Secretary, the amount of the request.

24 “(c) CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.—From amounts
25 appropriated pursuant to this section, the Secretary and

1 the Amtrak Board of Directors shall ensure that sufficient
 2 funds are reserved to satisfy Amtrak’s contractual obliga-
 3 tions for commuter and State-supported passenger rail
 4 service.

5 “(d) ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND SUPPLEMENTAL
 6 REPORTS.—

7 “(1) BUSINESS PLAN.—Not later than Sep-
 8 tember 15 of each of 2005, 2006, and 2007, Amtrak
 9 shall transmit to the Secretary and the Congress a
 10 comprehensive business plan for the subsequent fis-
 11 cal year, including, as applicable, targets for rider-
 12 ship, revenues, and capital and operating expenses.

13 The plan shall include the following:

14 “(A) A separate accounting of such targets
 15 for each of the following:

16 “(i) Northeast Corridor.

17 “(ii) Commuter service.

18 “(iii) Long-distance Amtrak service.

19 “(iv) State-supported service.

20 “(v) Commercial activities (including
 21 contract operations and mail and express).

22 The plan shall also include targets for each
 23 intercity train route, including Autotrain.

24 “(B) With respect to capital projects, a de-
 25 scription of the work to be funded, a work time-

1 table, cost estimates, and a list of other funding
2 sources if the project is not entirely funded by
3 the Federal Government.

4 “(2) SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS.—Not later
5 than October 1, 2005, and once each alternate
6 month thereafter, Amtrak shall transmit to the Sec-
7 retary and the Congress a supplemental report re-
8 garding the business plan transmitted under para-
9 graph (1), which shall describe the work completed
10 to date, any changes to the business plan, and the
11 reasons for such changes.

12 “(e) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS AND EARLY APPRO-
13 PRIATIONS.—(1) Amounts appropriated under this section
14 remain available until expended.

15 “(2) Amounts for capital acquisitions and improve-
16 ments may be appropriated in a fiscal year before the fis-
17 cal year in which the amounts will be obligated.

18 “(f) LIMITATIONS ON USE.—Amounts appropriated
19 under this section may not be used to subsidize operating
20 losses of commuter rail passenger or rail freight transpor-
21 tation.”.

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